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CICP COMMUNICATES

CICP TIMELINE OF CHANGES

- 7/1/2006 – CICP Increased to 250% of Federal Poverty Level (FPL) resulting in the addition of the “T” Rating.
- 7/1/2006 – New CICP providers include Denver Indian Health and Family Services, and Plains Medical Center in Limon.
- 8/1/2006 – House Bill 06S-1023 signed into law, see CICP changes below.
- 9/25/2006 – 2007 CICP Provider Directory available online.

ERROR ON CICP ABILITY-TO-PAY SCALE

The Ability-to-Pay Scale in the CICP manual, for 1-8 family size has an error. For a family size of 5, the “T” rate should include income and resources from \$46,801 up to \$58,500. The CICP website listed below has the correct version of the scale.

CLARIFICATION OF “OBSERVATION STAY”

The CICP does not designate a specific copay amount for a provider determined observation stay. If a client is in the hospital for more than 24 hours the Hospital Inpatient copay is charged. If a client is in the hospital for less than 24 hours, the Hospital Emergency Room copay is charged, unless one of the following procedures take place: ambulatory surgery, MRI, CT Scan, or Nuclear Medicine, in which case the Hospital Inpatient copay can be charged.

DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

The SB 06-044 allows community health clinics to utilize moneys received under the “Reform Act for the Provision of Health Care for the Medically Indigent”, Section 26-15-101, et. seq., C.R.S., and any gifts, grants, and donations for the development and implementation of demonstration projects. The demonstration projects may include but need not be limited to coordination of care and disease management. Community health clinics interested in developing and implementing a demonstration project must submit a written request (a waiver to the CICP manual) to the CICP Administration for approval. The waiver request must include a description of the demonstration project.

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CICP AND HOUSE BILL 06S-1023 FAQ

Question: How does House Bill 06S-1023 impact the CICP? Answer: During a special session, the Colorado General Assembly created House Bill (HB) 06S-1023, which requires certain individuals applying for state benefits to complete an Affidavit and provide proper Identification Documents as part of the required proof of lawful presence in the United States. All CICP providers must require the Affidavit and Identification Documents for all individuals 18 years of age or older applying to receive discounted health care services under the program. In addition to the list of official Identification Documents listed under HB 06S-1023, the Department of Revenue has provided a list of Alternative Identification Documents that can serve as indication of lawful presence in the United States until March 1, 2007. An applicant who cannot provide any of the proper Identification Documents or Alternative Identification Documents may request a Waiver from the Department of Revenue. The provider completing the CICP Application is required to keep a copy of the original, signed Affidavit AND the Identification Document, Alternative Identification Document or the Electronic Identification Indicator in the client's application file for audit purposes. Photocopies made by the provider must be attested in writing on the photocopy that provider saw the original documentation and that the photocopy is a true copy of that original. Please see the provider letters issued on August 1, 2006, August 7, 2006 and August 16, 2006, which are available on the Department's website. In addition the list of Identification Documents or Alternative Identification Documents and the Affidavit has been included with this newsletter.

Question: Does each applicant need to sign the Affidavit and does it need to be notarized if the CICP provider did not witness the signature? Answer: Each applicant 18 years of age and older must sign the Affidavit and the document with the original signature must be kept in the applicant's file; however, the affidavit does NOT require a notarization even if the signature is NOT directly witnessed by the CICP provider.

Question: Does each applicant need to show an Identification Document (ID)? Answer: Yes, in addition to signing the Affidavit, every applicant 18 years of age and older must present a valid ID that is on the list of acceptable documents released by the Department of Revenue or provide a notarized copy of the ID to the CICP provider. Please visit our website for a direct link to Department of Revenue Rules and acceptable Identification Documents.

Question: What do I do if an applicant does not have an acceptable form of ID? Answer: The applicant must submit a request for waiver at a Division of Motor Vehicles. The Division of Motor Vehicles will issue an Electronic Identification Indicator (EII). Currently, the CICP Administration and the CICP providers do NOT have access to the EII database. We are working on a solution to remedy this problem. For the time being, please make a note of the individuals who have been assigned an EII by the Division of Motor Vehicles. Assuming the client meets all the other eligibility requirements, considered the client eligible to receive benefits under the CICP.

Question: Must the ID be witnessed by the provider? Answer: Providers must witness the applicant and the ID, a copy of the ID should be made and placed in the applicant's file with the statement from the provider stating that the copy is a true copy of the original. In the case where an applicant is applying for an entire household for CICP services, and household members cannot apply in person, the primary applicant cannot bring their family member's ID. If an applicant or part of an applicant's household cannot bring an ID in person, a notarized copy of the original is acceptable.

Question: What do I do if a Child is lawfully present in Colorado, but the parents are not? Answer: Children under the age of 18 years are not required to present an ID or sign the Affidavit; however, children cannot apply by themselves for CICP unless they are legally emancipated. Therefore, if the parents are not lawfully present and cannot produce the required documents, the parents would be counted in family size only and the child would be the only family member eligible to receive services under the CICP.

Question: How do I verify an Immigration document in the SAVE Program? Answer: Neither CICP providers nor the CICP administration currently have access to the Federal SAVE program. We are currently working on resolving this issue. We will notify providers as soon as we have further information. At this time, please retain the required affidavit in the client's file until verification through the SAVE program is accessible. Assuming the client meets all the other eligibility requirements, considered the client eligible to receive benefits under the CICP.

Question: Will the CICP Client Application change? Answer: Yes, the CICP Client Application will have an addition page or pages to minimize the administration of Affidavit and the ID. While there is not an official change at this time, providers should see the new application in the near future.

Question: If I have further questions, what should I do? Answer: The first step is to visit the CICP website where an entire section is devoted to HB 06S-1023. On the website you can find the rules written by the Department of Revenue, the affidavit form in English and Spanish, and copies of the correspondence sent to CICP providers from the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing. If you still need assistance, please contact the CICP administration at 303-866-2580. Thank you for your patience.

Identification Documents

One of the following Identification Documents must be produced by all clients applying for benefit under the CICP:

- a) Valid Colorado Driver's License
- b) Valid Colorado Identification Card
- c) A United States Military Card
- d) A Military Dependents' Identification Card
- e) United States Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Card
- f) A Native American Tribal Document

Alternative Identification Documents

If the client cannot produce one of the Identification Documents above, the following forms of Alternative Identification can be used to ensure that an individual has a lawful presence until March 1, 2007:

- a) Valid Driver's License or Identification card bearing Applicant's photograph issued by one of the following states: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Virginia, West Virginia, or Wyoming
- b) Certificate verifying naturalized status issued by an authorized agency of the United States bearing Applicant's intact photograph impressed with the raised embossed seal of the issuing agency
- c) Certificate verifying United States citizenship issued by an authorizing agency of the United States bearing Applicant's intact photograph impressed with the raised embossed seal of the issuing agency
- d) Valid Immigration Documents demonstrating lawful Presence and verified through SAVE. The Immigration Documents allowed are as follows:
 - Unexpired Foreign Passport bearing an unexpired "processed for I-551" stamp or with an attached unexpired "Temporary I-551" Visa
 - Unexpired Foreign Passport accompanied by an "I-94" indicating a specific future "until" date
 - "I-94" with refugee or asylum status
 - Unexpired "Resident Alien" card, "Permanent Resident" card, "Temporary Resident" card, or "Employment Authorization" card

Waiver Process

An applicant who cannot provide any of the proper Identification Documents or Alternative Identification Documents, they may request a Waiver Process from the Department of Revenue by completing the attached form titled "REQUEST FOR WAIVER - RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC BENEFITS". If the waiver is approved, the Department of Revenue will issue an Electronic Identification Indicator for the client. The Waiver Process must be accomplished by all documents that the client can produce to verify name and proof of lawful presence. **A first time Applicant or Applicant seeking to reapply for public benefits on or after August 1, 2006 and before March 1, 2007, who**

- a) Due to chronic health or medical condition, lacks sufficient mobility to appear in person to apply for a Colorado Driver's License or Identification Card
- b) Due to lack of a permanent physical address in Colorado, does not qualify for a Colorado Driver's License or Identification Card, or
- c) May lack sufficient documentation to receive a Colorado Driver's License or Identification Card

may demonstrate lawful presence by both executing the affidavit requirement in and being verified with an Electronic Identification Indicator.

Upon receipt of a Request for Waiver together with all supporting documentation, the Department of Revenue will establish the Electronic Identification Indicator. Until March 1, 2007, a CICP Provider may rely on electronic verification of lawful presence from the Department of Revenue evidenced by the Electronic Identification Indicator. This Electronic Identification Indicator shall be printed, dated and maintained in the client's file. The CICP Provider is responsible for verifying that their Applicant is the same individual indicated as being lawfully present with an Electronic Identification Indicator. For information on Department of Revenue's Emergency Rules for HB 06S-1023 and the Electronic Identification Indicator, please call 303-205-8358.



AFFIDAVIT

for the Colorado Department of Human Services and the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing as Proof of Lawful Presence in the United States

I, _____, swear or affirm under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Colorado that (check one):

- ___ I am a United States citizen, or
- ___ I am a legal Permanent Resident of the United States, or
- ___ I am lawfully present in the United States pursuant to federal law.

I understand that this sworn statement is required by law because I have applied for a public benefit. I understand that state law requires me to provide proof that I am lawfully present in the United States prior to receipt of this public benefit. I further acknowledge that making a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation in this sworn affidavit is punishable under the criminal laws of Colorado as perjury in the second degree under Colorado Revised Statute 18-8-503 and it shall constitute a separate criminal offense each time a public benefit is fraudulently received.

Signature

Date